

REMARKS

This response places the above-referenced patent application in better condition for allowance, and therefore, is a proper response after Final pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 88-97 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) or (e) as being anticipated by Prall et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,866,453). Claims 78-87 and 98-99 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prall et al. in view of Sung (U.S. Patent No. 5,58,831). Claims 78-87 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prall et al. in view of Parekh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,918,122). Claims 78-87 and 98-99 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura (U.S. Patent Appl. 2001/0044181) in view of Sung (U.S. Patent No. 5,858,831). Claims 78-87 and 99 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura in view of Parekh et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,918,122).

Claims 78-87 and 93-100 are canceled.

Claim 100 is objected for depending upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim.


Independent claim 88 is amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 100, and therefore, claim 88 is allowable as amended.

Claims 89-92 depend from allowable independent claim 88, and therefore, claims 89-92 are allowable.

This application is now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview prior to issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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